

## AMCOM employee enjoys supporting warfighters

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When an Army helicopter lifts off, one U.S. Army Aviation and Missile Command team member's pride soars, as well.

AMCOM Logistics Center employee, Ruth A. Silver, has supported Army aviation as a Soldier and civilian since 1989 and has no plans on landing anytime soon. Silver is matrixed to the Multi-National Aviation Special Project Office (MASPO) as the Senior Logistics Management Specialist for the Assistant Product Director – Modifications. The Multi-National Aviation Special Project Office procures, fields and sustains non-standard rotary-wing aircraft for the Department of Defense, allied countries or as directed by the Office of the Secretary of Defense in support of Overseas Contingency Operations.

Silver supports ammunition procurement for weapons and system/airframe demonstration and testing, and is the logistics lead for mission equipment acquisitions, which entails the successful execution of all logistics elements in the deployment of new mission equipment.

"I like the op-tempo missions could change with a blink of the eye and the motto is the 'Soldiers needed that yesterday,'" Silver said. "I also enjoy working with all my coworkers, they are all amazing people. Most importantly we all know that we work for the Warfighters and love every minute of it."

Silver grew up in Buffalo, N.Y. and joined the Army in 1989. She served as an Army aircraft avionics mechanic stationed at Fort Campbell, Ky., and in Germany.

"Fort Campbell was my favorite place to serve and live," Silver said. "Growing up watching old war movies, I always wanted to be a part of 101<sup>st</sup> Screaming Eagles. They do not accept anything but the best and Fort Campbell is the best."

"Being a Soldier in the United States Army was the one job and adventure that I am so proud of and so honored to have served our great country," Silver said. "The Army taught me so much, most of all that I am so proud to be an American."

After Silver left the Army, she worked as a contractor for nearly nine years at Fort Campbell, serving as an electrician on Black Hawk, Chinook and Apache helicopters.

Silver joined AMCOM as a contractor in April 2006. She worked on Black Hawks as an aircraft electrician. Her job was to troubleshoot aircraft for AMCOM and the U.S. Army.

Communications-Electronics Command and to conduct quarterly line of balance reviews on avionics equipment and components.

During that three-year period, she helped stand up the Black Hawk Item Unique Identification Program and performed site visits and pre-deployment visits with the units.

“On some occasions I would get to actually work on the aircraft during some of my site visits, which was awesome,” Silver said. “I was also on the team to redo and rewrite Manpower Requirements Criteria, Maintenance Allocation Chart and Level of Repair Analysis in which we would visit all the posts and sites where there were Black Hawks, select a task, and time how long it would take different skill levels to complete.”

In 2009, Silver became a government civilian, an equipment specialist with the Aviation Ground Support Equipment project manager. While in AGSE, she provided logistics support to multiple acquisition programs.

In December 2011, she was selected for promotion into her favorite helicopter program, Cargo. While there, she supported multiple acquisition programs for various models of the Chinook helicopters.

In November 2014, she became a part of Program Manager Non-Standard Rotary Wing Aircraft Office, now known as MASPO.

Up until July of this year, Silver was the contracting officer representative on the AMCOM Express Logistics Systems Engineering and Technical Assistance Contract.

As Silver discussed her career, she talked about her biggest influences, both personally and professionally.

“My professional inspiration I would have to say is my boss, Mr. [Curtis] Gross,” Silver added. “He is always encouraging me to better myself and stressing the necessary steps I need to take for improvement. I really appreciate him for that.”

“I have learned in the past two years that after assigning Ruth a mission, and empowering her to achieve the desired result(s), I can step aside and she will get it done!” Gross said.

“Ruth is totally dedicated to the performance of her duties in support of MASPO mission success,” Gross said. “She is fully committed to supporting the U.S. Government effort to build Partner Nation Capability which results in fewer U.S. warfighters serving in harm’s way. Ruth’s performance has earned her praise and recognition from all levels of MASPO leadership.

“The greatest personal influence in my life was my mom,” Silver said. “She would always tell me to stay in school and how important an education was, which I had no intention in quitting. She left me with some important advice, ‘Treat others the way that you want to be treated.’

“I did not realize at 8-years-old that my mom was dying of cancer and that she wanted to leave me with some good advice,” she continued. “I have always carried that with me.”

Silver said during her free time she likes to do home improvement projects, shopping, collecting jewelry and enjoys yard work, sometimes.

She also has some advice for new team members starting their civilian careers with AMCOM.

“Remember your mission and always remember that you work for our great warfighters. A failure on our part could result in a loss to our warfighters,” Silver said. “All Department of the Army civilians and government contractors should always remember that we work for, serve and support the greatest military warfighters in the world, ‘The U.S. military’.”

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AMCOM Logistics Center employee, Ruth A. Silver, a mission equipment senior logistician assigned to ALC’s Multi-National Aviation Special Project Office, is pictured here during a recent mission in Afghanistan. Silver was in Afghanistan working as the logistics lead in support of mission equipment for the successful installation of an Airborne Missile Protection System on Mi-17 Special Mission Wing aircraft.